

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., n/k/a QWEST CORPORATION, AND RHYTHMS LINKS, INC.	DOCKET NO. NIA-99-28
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**ORDER APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO NEGOTIATED
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT**

(Issued April 13, 2001)

On February 28, 2001, U S WEST Communications, Inc., n/k/a Qwest Corporation, and Rhythms Links, Inc., filed a second amendment to their negotiated interconnection agreement replacing the line sharing interim agreement and adding terms, conditions, and rates for line sharing. The proceeding was identified as Docket No. NIA-99-28. The Utilities Board (Board), on December 9, 1999, approved the initial negotiated interconnection agreement. Review by the Board of this amendment is pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e). On March 7, 2001, the Board issued an order allowing any interested party the opportunity to submit written comments supporting approval or rejection of the agreement within 30 days of the filing. No comments were filed.

Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2)(A), the Board may reject a negotiated interconnection agreement or amendment if it finds either (1) the agreement or amendment discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the

agreement or (2) the implementation of the agreement or amendment is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. Based upon the record made in this docket, the filed amendment does not discriminate against any other telecommunications carrier and is not inconsistent with the public purpose and will be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

Amendment No. 2 to the negotiated interconnection agreement filed on February 28, 2001, by U S West Communications, Inc., n/k/a Qwest Corporation, and Rhythms Links, Inc., is approved to be effective upon the issuance of this order.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Acting Executive Secretary

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 13th day of April, 2001.